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1. [] FE, [] said he had gotten information that Senator Stennis had reached an understanding with the White House to the effect that there would be no Laos ceiling this year if the Administration would cut its expenditures in Southeast Asia to \$2 billion from the \$2.5 billion that was originally proposed. I touched on this with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, today. He said Senator Stennis might have made such an agreement but if he did he (Braswell) was unaware of it. He added, however, that Senator Stennis was generally opposed to ceilings and in addition DOD had already stated to the Committee that it thought it could keep expenditures in Southeast Asia at around the \$2 billion level. Braswell went on to say that in his opinion the whole issue of ceilings was ridiculous anyway. He feels that the insertion of qualifying language in legislation results in a half-way measure susceptible of different interpretations with subsequent arguments. He said what they should do is to offer legislation cutting off all funds and then let the Congress vote it up or down.

I briefed Braswell on several current intelligence items including: the 9 April Soviet SS-NX-8 test, identification of a larger Soviet TU-144, and a major Chinese program of airfield construction.

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2. [] Left with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy a paper on the Chinese Communist nuclear test of 18 March 1972 which George Murphy, of the staff, requested yesterday.

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3. [] Left with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, a number of unclassified documents on the Versailles Peace Conference which he had asked about and a paper prepared by Lothar Metzel entitled "Detente and the World Revolutionary Process: A Soviet View."

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4. [] Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, gave me 17 rolls of undeveloped film which had been taken by the Venceremos Brigade in Cuba which he thought we might be interested in. I will check with WH Division on this.

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5. [] Closed out with Representative Pierre duPont's (R., Del.) office a request which had been referred from State to us from an instructor at the University of Delaware for the FBIS Latin America Daily Report. I explained that the report was not made available to the public, but provided some unclassified maps and the "Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments" reference aid for their use if they wish to forward the material to the instructor who is interested in obtaining educational material for her Historia de las Americas class.

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6. [] Delivered to the offices of Senators Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.) and Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.) FBIS items in which their names were mentioned.

7. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered China atlases to Lynn Wanluns, in the office of Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), and Rita Curtin, in the office of Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.).

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8. [] The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House Public Works Committee was called today concerning the status of H.R. 10488. The Bill concerns GSA responsibility for public buildings. A staff member advised that the Bill was now before the Rules Committee for a decision to place on the consent calendar for House consideration next week. The committee report has not been published and it was hoped that it would be published by Monday. [] of Logistics was advised and a copy of the report will be furnished to him when received.

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9. [] Representative Charles Gubser called to say that in checking his correspondence in the Bergrum case (see Journal of 12 April) it appeared that [] OSI, had been involved in the matter from the Agency side. I told Mr. Gubser that it was my understanding we had found Bergrum's proposals of dubious value and had no intention of following up on them so Bergrum was free to exploit them however he wished. However I said I would check with [] and confirm this. I since talked to [] who will review the matter with Mr. Duckett.

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10. [] Waldo Dubberstein, of the American Enterprise Institute, called to say that George Will, in the office of Senator Gordon Allott, had called Dubberstein to get a briefing on oil and energy matters. Dubberstein recommended that he be referred to the Agency, and I told him to have Mr. Will call me and we would be glad to try to be helpful.

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11. [] Discussed plans for tomorrow's briefing of the Nedzi Subcommittee with Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said they would like a rundown on the present situation in Indochina, and be brought up-to-date on any other significant recent developments.

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